ROBERT E. PEARY, first to reach North Pole. Extensive exploration of Greenland. Made particular study of Eskimos.

JOHN PALLISER explored Canadian Prairies and Rockies, 1857-60. Surveyed border with USA west of L. Superior.

Painting by Capt. GEORGE BACK, RN: 'Meeting the Esquimaux of the Great Fish [now Back] River'. 1834.

Colonel P. FAWCETT disappeared, presumed killed, while exploring a tributary of the Amazon, 1925.

MACHU PICCHU, the 'lost city' of the Incas, rising high above the URUBAMBA, lay undiscovered by the Spaniards.

Tropical South American rain forest, by J.L. PALMER, surgeon aboard RN ships stationed on the American coast.

HAROLD TILMAN, leader of 1938 Everest expedition. Presumed lost at sea in 'En Avant', 1977.

WALLY W. HERBERT. First surface crossing of the Arctic via the Pole. 476 days sledging on ice.

'The Most Northern Encampment', HMS 'Alert', 1876.

'Pandora' icebound off NW Greenland, 1876. W.W. MAY.

FRIDTJOF NANSEN revolutionized polar travel by adapting gear and methods in use by Eskimos.

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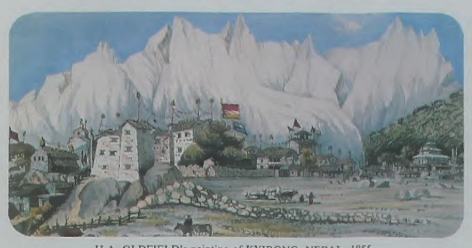
Sherpas at Camp IV. Conquest of Everest, 1953.



H.A. OLDFIELD's painting of KYIRONG, NEPAL, 1855.

FREYA STARK. Explorer, traveller and writer on Arabian lands and their peoples.

EDMUND HILLARY and TENZING NORKAY. First to reach the summit of EVEREST, 8848m. 1953 British Expedition.

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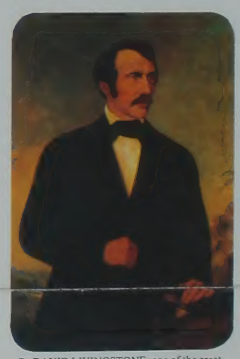
CHRIS BONINGTON, leader of the British contingent of the British/Indian team which climbed CHANGABANG in 1974.

Buffalo at Victoria Falls, painted by THOMAS BAINES, artist to expeditions in Africa and Australia.

HENRY STANLEY met Livingstone at Ujiji, 1871. Leader of Emin Pasha Relief Column, 1887-89.



Dr DAVID LIVINGSTONE, one of the great 19th century missionary-explorers of the African continent.

JOHN H. SPEKE, accompanied by W.A. Grant, identified the Lake Victoria source of the Nile during 1860-63 expedition.

Capt. R.F. SCOTT, RN, led expedition to South Pole, 1912. Perished with his companions on return journey.

WILFRED THESIGER, noted for his crossings of the 'Empty Quarter' of Southern Arabia, 1945-49.

The caves of MULU, SARAWAK. RGS Expedition, 1977-78.

T. BAINES. Incident during N. Australia Expedition, 1855-57.

GEORGE W. HAYWARD explored sources of Yarkand River. Killed at Yasim when crossing the Hindu Kush, 1870.

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